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### **Rouhani is in a hurry; why the 100 day mark matters (Rep. Franks)**

Iran's President has already made a significant impact on U.S.-Iran foreign policy, and he intends to set the pace for negotiations during his first 100 days in office.

U.S. officials should pay attention to this deadline because Rouhani himself set up some fairly lofty expectations for his first 100 days - to break down the suffocating sanctions imposed on Iran with regard to their nuclear activity.

"We pledge to the people that in the first 100 days ...we will take the necessary and urgent actions with regard to the economy and inform the people of the result," Rouhani said in Tehran during the third week of August.

Geneva is the next hurdle: what kind of deal are the P5+1 nations willing to consider as this deadline approaches? It seems as if our Administration is more willing to follow Rouhani's lead rather than setting our own responsible pace toward the best national security priorities.

And now, Rouhani has upped the pace even further, insisting the U.S. come to the table next week in Geneva with an entirely new proposal that ignores the resolutions agreed to by the P5+1 nations in February.

They are in a rush to make a deal. And if we agree too quickly to any deal with Iran that is anything less than total, verifiable compliance with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and U.N. Security Council resolutions, we will allow Iran to achieve an international nuclear victory without having to earn this precious credibility.

We know the costs of preventing Iran from gaining nuclear weapons will pale in significance compared to



*The administration seems to be willing to take Rouhani at his word and allow the new Iranian leader to set the pace and structure of negotiations.*

the costs of a nuclear-armed Iran. But we should also recognize the cost of striking a bad deal too soon. To that end, tomorrow I'm dropping a bill that outlines what must happen before any negotiated settlement is defined with this volatile nation.

The **U.S.-Iran Nuclear Negotiations Act** outlines clear standards for a nuclear weapons deal with Iran and strengthens sanctions and the credibility of military action if Iran does not meet these standards.

It is important that President Obama have all options at his disposal during negotiations about Iran's nuclear weapons program. The last remaining window we have to keep Iran from achieving a nuclear weapons capability is soon closing. Please consider co-sponsoring this bill, and feel free to contact me or my staff at any time for further details.

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